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SUBJECT: TANZANIA CONDEMNS KILLING OF UGANDAN ARCHBISHOP
AND CABINET MINISTERS

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1. TANZANIAN RADIO AND TWO DAILY PAPERS HAVE VEHEMENTLY
DENOUNCED THE MURDER BY AMIN REGIME OF TWO CABINET MINISTERS
AND ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH SUPPOSED
PLOT TO OVERTHROW THE UGANDAN DICTATOR. ALL REJECT AS PRE-
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POSTERIOUS OFFICIAL LINE THAT THE THREE WERE KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE
ACCIDENT. REPORTS THAT GENERAL MASSACRE OF ACHOLI AND LANGI
TRIBES IS UNDER WAY ARE BEING GIVEN HEAVY PLAY.

2. AMIN IS DENOUNCED AS A DICTATOR, A FASCIST, A BUTCHER AND A
HORRID TYRANT, WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH DISGUST FOR HIS
EVIL DEEDS, CRUELTY, SAVAGERY AND IMBECILITY.

3. THRUST OF COMMENTARY IS THAT EVIL KNOWS NO COLOR AND MUST BE CONDEMNED WHEREVER IT OCCURS. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS CONCLUDES A FEB 18 EDITORIAL BY SAYING THERE IS "ABSOLUTELY NO DIFFERENCE IN KIND" BETWEEN WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN UGANDA, WHILE RADIO TANZANIA QUOTES PRESIDENT NYERERE AS HAVING SAID THAT KILLINGS AND INHUMANITY IN FREE AFRICA MAKE THE MORAL CASE AGAINST OPPRESSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA MORE DIFFICULT.

4. COMMENT: TANZANIA'S OPEN EXPRESSION OF DISGUST AT BRUTALITIES OF AMIN REGIME IS NOTHING NEW, ALTHOUGH (ASIDE FROM BOYCOTTING OAU SUMMIT PRESIDED OVER BY AMIN) TANZANIA HAS NOT SOUGHT TO TRANSLATE ITS FEELINGS INTO INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST UGANDA. IN PRESENT CASE, TANZANIAN ANGER MAY BE AGGRAVATED BY AMIN'S PUBLIC CHARGE THAT NYERERE AND TANZANIA-RESIDENT FORMER UGANDAN PRESIDENT OBOTE WERE BEHIND LATEST UGANDAN COUP ATTEMPT. THIS CHARGE HAS NOT, HOWEVER, BEEN REPORTED BY TANZANIAN MEDIA. NOR HAS AMIN'S RATHER OBVIOUS ATTEMPT -- IN SUGGESTING A TWO-PARTNER KENYA-UGANDA COMMUNITY -- TO EXPLOIT TANZANIA'S CURRENT FEUD WITH KENYA. TANGOV MAY ALSO SEE UTILITY IN COMMUNICATING TO ITS LESS THAN COMFORTABLE CITIZENRY HOW MUCH BETTER OFF THINGS ARE HERE THAN IN CAPITALIST "MAN EAT MAN" KENYA OR BLOOD-SOAKED UGANDA.
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